

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/821,160

Filed: March 29, 2001

For: COMPOSITIONS AND
METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING
POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC
ACID MOLECULES



Examiner: To be determined

Art Unit: To be determined

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NO: 2

Prior to examination , please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Delete pages 100 through 103 as filed which correspond to the Sequence Listing, and insert pages 100 to 103 as attached hereto which correspond to the Substitute Sequence Listing. Support for the sequence in the Substitute Sequence Listing can be found in the Sequence Listing as filed with the above-identified application on March 29, 2001, which was generated and verified by PatentIn software obtained from the USPTO by way of www.uspto.gov.

Changes to the Sequence Listing were made solely to comply with the requirements set forth in the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed July 6, 2001. The only changes made are to update the serial number and filing date of the present application and to add

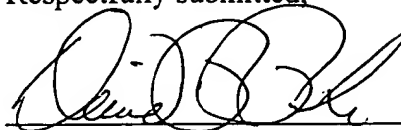
"Sequence" after "Artificial" for SEQ ID NO's 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 to comply with the new rules. Thus, the amendment includes no new matter.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit the claims are ready for examination and in condition for allowance.

Date:

July 11, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Preston", written over a horizontal line.

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